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Admiral, medium	100	2.20	
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Military (old tipped), medium	100	2.00	
Germania, medium	100	1.60	
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Chickens' Livers, 4 cts. each

Chickens' Gizzards, 4 cts. each

Ducks, Local (dressed) 65 cts. each

Ducks, Wild, do do 75 cts. each

Australian Smoked Mutton, 50 cts. per lb.

do do Schnapper, 50 cts. per lb.

Geese, Local (dressed) \$1.50 each

Hares, Australian 1st Grade, \$1.40 each

Ham, Best York, 70 cts. per lb.

Ham, Australian, Pineapple 65 cts. per lb.

(2 cts. extra per lb. for Ham if cut).

Honey, Best Australian, 50 cts. per lb.

Rabbit, Australian 1st Grade, 50 cts. each

Oysters, American, large size, \$2.50 per tin.

Australian Oysters 2 1/2 doz. 5 lbs \$1.00, bot.

bottles, 5 lbs \$1.50

Partridges, Local, 75 cts. each

Pigeons, Wild, Dressed, 50 cts. each

Rabbits, Australian 1st Grade, 55 cts. each

Rice Birds, 1.00, per doz.

Sausages, Australian Fritz, 50 cts. per lb.

Sausages, Own Make (of Aus-
tralian Meats), 55 cts. per lb.

Tongues, Australian 1st Grade, 50 cts. each

Turkeys, Australian (plucked), 70 cts. per lb.

SPECIAL NOTE.

Orders required to be filled in the Early

Morning should be sent in before 3.30 p.m.

the previous day.

Orders for Noon should be sent in by

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Hongkong, December 21, 1905. 1278

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

Transfer Books of Hongkong, Canton &

Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., close from this

date to 15th February inclusive.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, February 3:—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, &c., at Mr. Geo. P. Lummett's

Sale Rooms.

Transfer Books of Humphreys' Estate &

Finance Co., Ltd., close from this date

to 15th February inclusive.

MONDAY, February 5:—

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Fur-
niture, at No. 66, Morrison Hill Road.

Transfer Books of Hongkong Ice Co.,

Ltd., close from this date to 15th

February inclusive.

TUESDAY, February 6:—

Noon—Meeting of the K. Wilson Land &

Building Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

WEDNESDAY, February 7:—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, at Barker Road, the Peak.

SATURDAY, February 10:—

Noon—Meeting of Humphreys' Estate &

Finance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Registered

Office.

MONDAY, February 12:—

Transfer Books of Hongkong and Wham-
pon Dock Co., Ltd., close from this

date to 25th February inclusive.

THURSDAY, February 15:—

11 a.m.—Meeting of Hongkong, Canton

& Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. at Co.'s

Office.

FRIDAY, February 16:—

Noon—Meeting of China Traders' Insur-
ance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Registered

Office.

MONDAY, February 26:—

Noon—Meeting of Hongkong & Wham-
pon Dock Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1906.

SHIPPING OPERATIONS
IN 1905.The annual shipping review issued at
London by John White is as usual
replete with interesting information.
The review, which is now in its 35th
year of publication, maintains its
character for sober appraisement of
facts and judicious conclusions. There
is no spread-eagleism about it and
debatable political questions are wise-
ly touched upon as lightly as possible.
Provision for the extension of com-
munity which it was hoped would
attend the cessation of hostilities
between Japan and Russia has been
amply provided for, no less than
1,700,000 tons of merchant shipping
having been built during the year.
This is very close to the highest
previous record. The immediate out-
look for the shipping trade seems
rosier than in any year since the war
work in hand until the end of this
year and many engineers have their
hands full until well into 1907. Dur-
ing the past year there have been
added to the British Register—
including Colonial—about 1,300,000
tons of steamers and 60,000 tons
sailing vessels. Among the mammoth
boats built in 1905 were the Kaiserin
Augusta Victoria, 26,000 tons; the
Amerika, 23,000 tons and the Cimar
turbine steamer, Carmania, of 20,000
tons. There are now afloat about 100
steamers of from 10,000 tons to 26,000
tons gross register of which about one
half is British. The price of steel
plates advanced from 25-15/- per ton
at the beginning of the year to 27 at
the end of October. This advance
caused ship-builders to increase their
prices with the result that a tendency
is now being shown by owners to
restrict their orders to tonnage for
which they have special employment.
Reference is made to the toll paid to
the Suez Canal Company thus:—
"Much dissatisfaction exists amongst
shipowners at the rates charged by the
Suez Canal Company and the arbitrary
rules in measurement of steamers. It
is an international question that de-
serves attention, whether such a high-
way, having repaid its cost with liberal
interest, should continue to be a joint
stock 25 per cent. profit-earning enter-
prise, or follow the rule with all high-
ways and become free of toll, subject
to provision for expenses of up-keep."
Competition between the great lines
appears to have increased during last
year. Notwithstanding the unfortu-
nate experience in 1904 the lines run-
ning to America had further disagree-
ments and the British lines running to
India had been opposed by a Ger-
man company causing rates to be
reduced to almost nominal figures.
The outward trade of the lines to
Brazil, River Plate, India, and the
Far East, has been very large, but
to South Africa and Australia has not
provided sufficient cargo for the large
tonnage in these trades; indeed, it
appears that in these and the frozen
meat trades the tonnage considerably
exceeds the requirements of shippers.A new trade has arisen in the opening
of the Russian coasting trade to law.
foreign tonnage, this having been
formerly restricted to Russian ship.
Several cargoes have been shipped in
British and other tonnage, Southern to
Russia to Baltic. It may be temporary,
but it is to be hoped Russia will realise
the advantage of such free trade, and
that other countries, America and
France, will do likewise, following the
example of Great Britain, which has
always left her coasting trade open to
the ships of all countries. The review
concludes:—"A retrospect of the past
year and the prospect for the future
provide a difficult problem for reflection.
The Board of Trade returns of exports
and imports, and the reports from all
manufacturing districts, give positive
evidence of a substantial improvement
in trade. There must necessarily be a
large business to be done in replacement
of the wreckage arising from the long
 Russo-Japanese War, which is estimated
to have cost about 400 millions sterling,
and whether this trade is of goods
manufactured in Great Britain or other
countries, the transit must largely be
made in British ships, which comprise
half the tonnage of the world. The
prospects are good of large shipments
of cereals from the United States, which
has been a dormant trade for the past
four years, and large crops are expected
in India and River Plate. Large transit
is taking place of materials of various
descriptions, which business is created
by cheap ocean carriage and the present
large carriers, and by merchants being
content to deal in large quantities at
small profit, instead of as formerly, small
quantities at large profit. All these
factors conduce to the long looked for
improvement in the shipping trade after
the long depression that commenced
in 1901, and the problem is whether,
with the previous over-supply of
tonnage, the improved prospects are
annihilated by the amount of new
tonnage now being built. It is satis-
factory to note that, during the late
times, there have not been the extensive
failures of shipbuilders and shipowners
that former periods of depression have
witnessed. There has not also been laid
up idle near the amount of tonnage even
that occurred so far back as 1884.
This is certainly proof, as freights have
been so low, that the increased size
enables steamers to be worked at rates
at which smaller boats could not cover
their expenses."American papers are at last begin-
ning to realise the serious effect the
boycott declared by the Chinese
against American goods is having
upon Uncle Sam's trade with the
Orient. The acknowledgement is tardy.
At first Americans pretended, with a
pardonable show of lofty scorn, to
believe that the movement would, to
use a Pacific slope gold-field expres-
sion, "pete out," and that all that
was necessary was to let the China-
man understand that he was in-
dulging in the questionable pastime
of slicing off his nose to spite
his face. But the boycott has not
pettered out "worth a cent"—to adopt
another Americanism—and the China-
man, having found others at hand
only too ready and eager to supply his
needs, refuses to use any article that
bears the brand of an American
firm. Now what is America going
to do? She cannot afford to allow
Commerce in China to so adjust itself
that her products can in the future be
entirely done without; she cannot
make a volte face, and submit to the
demands of the Chinese. A compro-
mise is the only thing, but upon what
basis one could be arranged to the
satisfaction of the Chinaman it is diffi-
cult to say. The Chinese want the
coolies to be granted the same privi-
leges as other people, and apparently
they are going to stick out for that
concession. And America is just as
determined to have the coolies at no
price whatever. She is ready to modi-
fy some other portions of the Exclusion
Act, but the coolie is not wanted. Feel-
ing somewhat sick about the unexpect-
ed display of determination on the
part of the Chinaman some of the
American papers are gently endea-
vouring to put the blame for the
exclusion of coolies upon the shoulders
of the Pacific slope. They insinuate
that in that favoured portion of the
States there is a prejudice and an
exaggerated idea of the harm the coolies
would do to the labour market, based
upon the antagonism developed against
the Chinaman in the old gold-digging
days. The lawlessness of those times
led to many abuses, but now, on
paper, put it "the Chinaman earns
his money honestly, and the Pacific
Coast is well governed, every foot of it

BY TELEGRAPH.

MORE TROUBLE AT SHANGHAI.

ANOTHER MIXED COURT
BLOCK.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, February 1.

Assistant Magistrate King is again
causing trouble at the Mixed Court.The Magistrate refuses to hear
cases brought up by Inspector Aiers.

THE UNIONIST PARTY.

QUESTION OF LEADERSHIP.

Chamberlain or Balfour.

(Exclusive Service, Supplied by Reuters,
via Bombay.)

LONDON, January 31.

Considerable attention is being at-
tracted in England by the columns of
letters appearing in the Unionist papers
on the question of the leadership of the
Unionist Party.A large number of writers favour Mr
Chamberlain, or, that being impossible,
urge Mr Balfour to adopt a bolder
policy.

RIOTING AT RIGA.

MURDER AND PILLAGE.

Prisoners Liberated.

(Exclusive Service, Supplied by Reuters,
via Bombay.)

LONDON, January 31.

Armed mobs assaulted and pillaged
the railway goods station at Riga, on
Monday.They captured and killed the station-
master, and then advanced on the chief
police station.The authorities were driven out,
and the station was stormed, the rioters
opening the cells and liberating a
number of political prisoners.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

DEATH OF KING CHRISTIAN.

Due to Heart Failure.

LONDON, January 30.

It was not till 2.30 p.m. that King
Christian was sufficiently indisposed to
retire to his bed.Only the Dowager Empress of Russia,
and Prince Hans were present at the end
of other members of the family arrived too
late.The official announcement of the death
says that the symptoms pointed to heart
failure.

Accession of King Frederick.

LONDON, January 30.

The accession of King Frederick the
eighth will be proclaimed to-day.

Royal Mourners.

LONDON, January 30.

The Emperor of Germany goes to Den-
mark; Queen Alexandra will also go, but
the presence of the King of England de-
pends on the date of the funeral.THE OPENING OF PARLIA-
MENT.

LONDON, January 30.

The King will open parliament with a
modified ceremonial.

BETTER TO GO AWAY.

The case in which U. Alaricus sued Pak
Sul Kai for the recovery of \$1000 lent on a
promissory note was called on in the
Supreme Court this morning before Mr
A. G. Wise (Pulmo Judge).Mr. Holbrow, who appeared for the
defendant, asked that the case should be
struck out of the list as the plaintiff had
abandoned.Mr. Hett (for the plaintiff)—I don't know
that he has abandoned. I certainly do not
know where he is at present. He wrote to
me before Chinese New Year and asked to
have the case put off.His Lordship—Can you tell me anything
about his disappearance. Do you know
why he went away?Mr. Hett—No.
His Lordship—I could tell you. I know
exactly why he went away. He was a
clerk and found it better to go. Judgment
will be for the defendant with costs.TWO GOOD TO MISS.—You may be
able to get along without Stearns,
Wine of Cod Liver Oil, but what's the use
of going through life and missing all the
good things? It will

Shipping.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON, 1906.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

FOR

MARSEILLES & LONDON,

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR

COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.

THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO NEW YORK.

Steamers to	Leave	Connecting Steamers	Due at	Due at
Colombo	Hongkong	from Colombo to	Marseilles (Brindisi)	Plymouth London
			2 days earlier	1 day later
ARADIA 7000	Feb. 10	BRITANNIA 7000	Mar. 10	Mar. 10
DELHI 8000	Feb. 24	MOLDAVIA 10000	Mar. 24	Mar. 24
DONGOLA 8000	Mar. 10	MONGOLIA 10000	Apr. 7	Apr. 13
DELTA 8000	Mar. 24	MOULAN 10000	Apr. 21	Apr. 27
OSANA 7000	Apr. 7	MARORA 10000	May 5	May 11
ARCADIA 7000	Apr. 21	VICTORIA 7000	May 19	May 25
DEVANHA 8000	May 5	HIMALAYA 7000	June 3	June 9
DELHI 8000	May 19	INDIA 8000	June 17	June 23

Passengers charge steamers at Colombo, and those for Brindisi transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at Port Said.

Accommodation in the connecting steamer from Colombo is arranged in Hongkong at time of booking.

In addition to the above Mail Steamers the following—

INTERMEDIATE (Non-Transit) STEAMERS

WILL LEAVE FOR

LONDON,

CARRYING SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

Steamers	Leave	Due at
	Hongkong	London
JAPAN 4500	Feb. 14	Mar. 31
SUMATRA 4500	Feb. 28	Apr. 14
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JAVA 4500	Mar. 28	May 12
FORMOSA 4500	Apr. 11	May 26

These Steamers call also at Singapore, Penang, Colombo, and at Malta or Marseilles.

* SUMATRA and * NUBIA call at Marseilles.

* JAPAN, * JAVA and * FORMOSA carry only First Saloon Passengers.

For Passage, Apply to

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Superintendent.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE

REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

Steamers	From	Expected on or about	Will leave for	On or about
TJILATJAP	JAVA.	Second half January.	JAPAN, via SHANGHAI.	First half February.
TJIPANAS	JAPAN.	Second half January.	JAVA PORTS.	First half February.
TJIDIAH	JAVA.	Second half February.	JAPAN, via SHANGHAI.	Second half February.
TJILWONG	JAPAN.	Second half February.	JAVA PORTS.	First half March.

The steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light, and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon passengers, and will take cargo to all Ports in Netherlands, India on through B/L.

For particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

HEAD AGENT,

Java-China-Japan Lijn,

TELEPHONE No. 375. YORK BUILDINGS, FIRST FLOOR.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

For MARSEILLES, HAVRE, ANTWERP (DIRECT).

Taking Cargo to LONDON with prompt despatchment at Marseilles.

Calling at MANILA, SAIGON, SINGAPORE and Colombo.

THE Company's Steamship KOUANG-SI.

Captain BARILLO, will be despatched as above, on or about the 12th February, 1906.

This steamer has accommodation for Passengers and carries a duly qualified Doctor.

For information as to Passage & Freight apply to

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent, QUEEN'S BUILDING.

Notices to Consignees.

* SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LEITH, MIDDLESBRO' AND LONDON.

THE Steamship DENBIGHSHIRE.

Captain W. A. EVANS, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Cargo are being landed at their risk.

Goods are being landed at the Godowns of the HONGKONG and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th February will be subject to rent.

All Claims in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th February, at 2.30 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

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Shipping.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD—BREMEN.

EUROPEAN LINES.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID

NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG.

STEAMERS WILL ALSO CALL AT GIBRALTAR AND SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LOGGERS.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN, NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers	Sailing Dates, 1906.
PREUSSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 14th February.
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY, 28th February.
PRINZESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY, 14th March.
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY, 28th March.
PRINZ REGENT LUIPOLD	WEDNESDAY, 11th April.
PRINZ RITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY, 25th April.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 9th May.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 23rd May.
ROCK	WEDNESDAY, 6th June.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of February, 1906, at Noon, the Steamship PRUSSSEN, Captain R. Meyer, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at Naples and Genoa. Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on Monday, the 12th February, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, the 13th February, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on Tuesday, the 13th February.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Cubic Feet in Measurement. The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses. Linsen can be washed on board.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG:

	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
To Naples, Genoa and Gibraltar	\$21.0.0	\$12.0.0	\$22.0.0
To Southampton, London, Bremen and Hamburg	\$21.0.0	\$12.0.0	\$22.0.0
To New York, via Suez, via Naples, Genoa or Gibraltar	\$44.0.0	\$24.0.0	\$36.0.0
To New York, via Suez, via Bremen or Southampton	\$115.0.0	\$79.0.0	\$47.0.0
To Bremen or Southampton	\$23.0.0	\$13.0.0	\$24.0.0

In the event of the passenger leaving the Mail Steamer at Naples, Genoa, or Gibraltar and travelling to Bremen or Southampton overland, the same rates to be applied as via Naples, Genoa or Gibraltar, but in this case the rate of the railway trip, etc., to be at passenger's expense.

TOUR VIA INDIA:

Passengers have the option of using a Steamer of the British India S. N. Co., from Singapore to Calcutta, instead of an Imperial Mail Steamer from Singapore to Colombo. The cost of the journey from Calcutta to Colombo by rail or steamer is however not included.

INTERRUPTION OF THE VOYAGE IN EGYPT:

Passengers to Europe and New York are entitled to travel by the N. D. L. Mediterranean Steamer from Alexandria, to Naples or Marseilles instead of using an Imperial Mail Steamer from Port Said.

JAPAN-CHINA-AUSTRALIA LINE, VIA NEW GUINEA.

STEAM FOR MANILA, FRIEDRICH-WILHELM-SHAFFEN, SIMPSONHAFEN, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Steamers	Sailing Dates.
PRINZ SIGISMUND	TUESDAY, 6th February, 1906.
WILHELM	TUESDAY, 6th March.
PRINZ WALDEMAR	TUESDAY, 3rd April.

ON TUESDAY, the 6th February, at Noon, the STEAMSHIP PRINZ SIGISMUND, Captain Lutz, with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, will leave this Port as above. The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. Linsen can be washed on board.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG:

	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
To MANILA	\$50.0.0	\$30.0.0	\$20.0.0
To NEW GUINEA	\$28.0.0	\$18.0.0	\$14.0.0
To BRISBANE	\$29.0.0	\$20.0.0	\$14.0.0
To SYDNEY	\$23.0.0	\$15.0.0	\$11.0.0
To MELBOURNE	\$24.0.0	\$16.0.0	\$11.0.0
To YOKOHAMA	\$28.0.0	\$18.0.0	\$14.0.0
To KOBE	\$28.0.0	\$18.0.0	\$14.0.0
To YOKOHAMA & back	\$50.0.0	\$30.0.0	\$20.0.0
To KOBE & back	\$50.0.0	\$30.0.0	\$20.0.0

THROUGH RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG

To Europe via Australia and Colombo by Imperial

Mail Steamer

To Europe via Australia and America

(from Australia to New York via Vancouver by the C. P. R. Co.'s steamer and from New York to Europe by the Magnificent Express Steamers of the Norddeutscher Lloyd).

SAILINGS OUTWARDS.

EUROPEAN & AUSTRALIAN SERVICE.

For KORE and YOKOHAMA, WILHELM, TUESDAY, 13th February.

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, PRINZESS ALICE, WEDNESDAY, 14th February.

KORE and YOKOHAMA, BAYERN, WEDNESDAY, 28th February.

TRANS-PACIFIC THROUGH TICKETS FROM HONGKONG,

via Vancouver or San Francisco to NEW YORK by the C. P. R. Co.'s Steamers

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and issued at the following rates:

	1st Class
to London via Plymouth or Southampton	\$62.0.0
to Bremen	\$63.0.0
to Paris via Cherbourg	\$65.0.0
to Naples, Genoa, via Gibraltar	\$65.0.0

For further Particulars, apply to

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship KOREA.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding discharge and undelivered by THURSDAY, the 1st February, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Broken, chafed, or damaged goods will be examined at this Company's Godown on SATURDAY, the 3rd February, at 2 p.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

S. SILVERSTONE, Agent.

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BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM RANGOON AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship Zaida, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m. on Tuesday (Saturday), the 27th Inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

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Contractors.

Lam Woo & Co.,
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CONTRACTORS TO H.B.M.'s Government and War Department. We have always in Stock a large supply of Building Materials. All communications please address to Mr. Lam Woo.

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Wholesale and Retail in Provision and Tinned Goods, &c. &c.
E. SHIU TAI, General Manager.

TUNG ON,

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THE CORPORATION Transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business, receives money in Current Account and accepts Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—
For 12 months 4 1/2 per cent per annum.
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THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.

HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ... £280,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS ... £280,000
RESERVE FUND ... £275,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 1/2 per cent.

On Fixed Deposits for 6 months 4 per cent.

On Fixed Deposits for 3 months 3 1/2 per cent.

T. P. COCHRANE, Manager.

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CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ... YEN 5,000,000.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ... YEN 2,500,000.

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HONGKONG OFFICE:—8, DES VOEUX ROAD.

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S. SHIGENAGA, Manager.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ... \$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND ... \$10,000,000

Sterling Reserve, \$10,000,000

Silver Reserve, \$10,000,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS ... \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:—

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CHIEF MANAGER:—

Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH, Manager.

Shanghai—H. E. H

BIBLE AND RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETIES.

Annual Meeting.

A few days ago the annual meeting of the Bible and Religious Tract Societies was held at the London Mission House. These two organizations have, as some of our readers know, a depot in D'Almeida Street, which, though unpretentious, proves itself to be a centre of considerable activity, from which many copies of the Scriptures, both in Chinese and in English, as well as large numbers of the Religious Tract Society's publications, also both in Chinese and in English, are issued.

The healthy literature of this society as well as other books of the same type are kept in stock, and judging from the number of books and tracts sold during the year, there are many readers of this kind of literature.

Of the Scriptures, 1048 Bibles, 1788 New Testaments, and 2887 portions have, during this year, been sold. Most of these are in the Chinese language, though no less than eleven different languages for the whole Bible have been in demand. Of Books, Tracts, and leaflets, the number disposed of is 14,043. Excluding those sold to English readers, the Chinese volumes find their way to other parts of the adjoining province, and even to the Chinese in America and Australia.

It has been decided that there shall be a "Bible Sunday" in Hongkong and Feb 11th has been fixed on as the date. Sermons will be preached in all the churches, and collections taken up to assist the Parent Society in its good work.

Englishmen have not yet tired of the grand edition, the searching morality, and the lofty ideals of the old Book. On the other hand the increasing number of Bibles and Religious books purchased by the Chinese, shows that either the Christian community is rapidly increasing or the non-Christian are attracted to and willing to read the Scriptures. Probably both assumptions are correct.

To-day's Advertisements

The Only Safe Gauge is the

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WATER GAUGE.

No Boiler should be without it.

As supplied to the British and Foreign NAVIES and LEADING STEAMSHIP COMPANIES all over the World.

For Particulars, apply to

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68, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.

Shanghai, January 7, 1904.

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LESSONS IN FRENCH.

FRENCH TAUGHT, mainly by Conversation, and professional Translation done, by FRENCHMAN.

Terms Moderate, Apply FRENCH, Care of 'CHINA MAIL' Office.

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HONGKONG CHRISTIAN YACHT CLUB.

A CLUB CRUISE, will take place on SUNDAY, February 4th.

For the convenience of non-boat owning members a Launch will leave the Club House, off Ah King's Wharf, at 11 A.M. Sandwiches and Refreshments can be obtained on board.

J. J. STUBBINGS, Hon. Secretary.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 10th February, to the 24th day of February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, (Sd.) J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 24th day of February, 1906, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1905.

By Order of the Court of Directors, (Sd.) J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

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EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at MANILA, TING, PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through cargo to ADELPHI, NEW ZEALAND, TANGANYIKA, &c.)

THE Steamship EASTERN, Captain POWELL, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 3rd March, at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

Stewards and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B. To ensure the additional comfort of passengers the steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

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To-day's Advertisements

NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr. ERNEST ARNDT to SIGN our FIRM PROCUATION.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.

Hongkong, February 1, 1906.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership existing between Mr. E. S. JOSEPH and Mr. A. W. WHITLOW, under the Firm name of JOSEPH and WHITLOW, Share Brokers, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

All forward business will be attended to by Mr. E. S. JOSEPH.

Hongkong, February 1, 1906.

WANTED.

YOUNG LADY wishing to go to England desires Post as LADY'S COMPANION or will take charge of children in exchange for passage.

Apply to 'B.' Care of 'CHINA MAIL' Office.

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NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that, on and after SATURDAY, the 3rd February, the TURNING ON of WATER in the DISCONTINUED water will be turned on for about one hour only between the hours of 6 and 10 A.M.

(Sd.) W. CHATHAM.

Water Authority.

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WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

TENDERS will be received at the HEAD QUARTER OFFICE, Flat, corner of QUEEN'S WATER, on FRIDAY, 10th February, 1906, for the undermentioned Supplies and Services, for the period of 12 Months from 1st APRIL, 1906:-

1. MEAT.

2. HOSPITAL SUPPLIES AND MEDICAL COMPOUNDS.

3. GENERAL SUPPLIES & PROVISIONS.

4. OIL, WAX, & BARRACK SUPPLIES.

5. COAL, COKE, WOOD & CHARCOAL.

6. BARRACK SERVICES & SCAVENGING.

7. WASHING.

8. TRANSPORT SERVICES (Supply of Launches, Junks, Coolies, &c.).

9. FORAGE.

Forms of Tender and any particulars can be obtained on application to this Office personally or by letter, addressed to the Officer Commanding Army Service Corps, at the Head Quarter Office, Flat, corner of QUEEN'S WATER, on FRIDAY, 10th February, 1906, for the undermentioned Supplies and Services, for the period of 12 Months from 1st APRIL, 1906:-

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MAJOR W. A. F. WILLIAMSON, Commanding Army Service Corps.

HEAD QUARTER OFFICE, Hongkong.

February 1, 1906.

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30 days sight, 20 1/2

6 months sight, 20 1/2

Credit, 20 1/2

Domestic, 20 1/2

On Paris:-

On demand, 25 1/2

Credit, 25 1/2

On Berlin:-

On demand, 20 1/2

On New York:-

On demand, 48 1/2

Credit, 48 1/2

On Bombay:-

On demand, 160 1/2

On Calcutta:-

On demand, 160 1/2

On Singapore:-

On demand, 160 1/2

On Shanghai:-

On demand, 160 1/2

On Hongkong:-

On demand, 160 1/2

On Yokohama:-

On demand, 160 1/2

Gold Loan, 100 lines, (per cent), 160 1/2

Silver (per cent), 160 1/2

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